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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL



THE gentlemen who received invitations to the Zimmer home for Thursday evening noticed an engraving of an antlered deer printed in a tint, and as if to add a touch of humor and leave no possibility of doubt as to the nature of the entertainment, under it was the legend: "This is a stag." The invitation also announced luncheon for seven o'clock. This gave the gentlemen time to leave their offices at the usual hour and go home and do such primping as they deemed necessary. Was this an inspiration, or only one of the many happy ideas for which Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Zimmer are noted? The guests discovered that, contrary to the ordinary rule of evening entertainments, it brought them to the table with an appetite keenly sensible of the delicacies placed before them, and such a dainty, tempting, generous spread of good things as Mrs. Zimmer always provides when entertaining! The luncheon was served in courses, Miss Gruninger and Miss Zimmer assisting, and the gentlemen paid it the sincerest compliment: a hearty appreciation. The table was brightened with flowers, and at either end was a string of emilax and carnations arranged in the form of a zig-zag. At one end of the table sat Supt. Bignell and Capt. Phillips graced the other end. The following gentlemen, most of them associates of Mr. Zimmer in the service of the B. & M., formed the circle about the great long board: R. O. Phillips, E. Bignell, O. M. Thompson, J. P. Fawcett, M. McKinnon, C. D. Mullen, A. B. Law, A. M. Baird, P. L. Wing, F. M. Hall, Dr. Reeves, John Phillips, C. L. Eaton, Dr. Spahr, R. S. McIntosh, Harry J. Hall, L. Wessel, Jr., Charles Hall and Fred Bensing. After the luncheon the gentlemen retired to the parlors and found cards and tables awaiting their pleasure. They also enjoyed in unrestrained freedom cigars and other good things that appeal to a masculine taste, and altogether had a most pleasurable evening.

The Comus club closed its season with flying colors. Always original, this club offered more novelties than at Temple hall Tuesday evening ever before. The parties are always opened with an elaborate grand march. On this occasion the ball room was darkened and a colored waiter was stationed at either side of the big double door to hand a Chinese lantern to each dancer on emerging from the parlor. Mr. Sommerlad and Miss Nellie Hyde led the grand march, which was so arranged as to spell the word Comus. The lights and shadows were thrown upon the ceiling, and the spectators read the name very easily. It was a unique thing and surprisingly successful. Back of the music stand was a banner with the words "The Comus" in imitation of the steel die design featured by the COURIER office for embossing the club's programs. At the middle of the program an intermission was given for the serving of ices, cakes and fruit. Colored waiters were in attendance, who wheeled out into the hall a dozen or more folding tables and spread them with the good things. The gentlemen drew up chairs, and in a remarkably short time the whole company were seated in groups, discussing their refreshments in comfort and leisure. The program as usual contained a number of new dances, the very latest being the Lalla Rookh. Among the others were the Loomo, Danish Polka, Polka Gavotte, and Bon Ton. Among the participants were Messrs. and Mesdames Stevens, J. B. Leister, W. F. Sykes, A. L. Gulle, Foster, Messrs. A. Harrison, P. A. Sommerlad, Will Lottridge, W. A. Seitz, Will Stackhouse, C. D. Farnlee, P. G. Bird, T. E. Stewart, O. E. Houck, John Lottridge, Will Griffith, Will Ryons, D. Conside, Roy Winslow, J. L. Collington, Gratz Barnes, C. W. Gunnison. Misses Anna Trumble, Nellie Jayne, Jennie Seymour, Bessie Bonfield, Alma Sharp, May Pettitt, Lettie Hanford, May Woolf, May Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Miss Long, Maud Harper, Dora Ball, Ada Ball, Mattie Griffith, Belle Warner.

The York club held the closing party in its series at Temple hall last evening. The COURIER goes to press too early to speak in detail of the affair, but this club always have a fine time. From engagements made it was known that the following, among others, would be present: Misses Fannie Binford, Minnie DePue, Minnie Gaylord, Alice Gadd, Maggie Hall-itt, Jennie Morgan, Bessie Mason, Maud Hammond, Cora Weaver, Ida Bierwith, Haydee Bierwith, May Tibbles, Elsie Brindley, Abbie Covert, Ada Guthredge, Louise Pond, Lankton, Vivyan, Long, Freeman, Clark, Avery, Messrs. Guy Hale, F. H. Hallett, G. A. Cramer, E. E. Gillespie, H. Baker, E. Heston, A. C. Cape, C. M. Camp, Thos. Tensdale, Will Johnson, Chas. Clark, J. Kimball, H. A. Shannon, Will Phillips, E. Bradley, Fred Gadd, K. D. Binford, J. W. McCroskey, R. M. Joyce, F. Seybolt, Chas. Goodell, O. H. Frow, B. Bonnell, J. S. Peery.

Mr. J. E. Miller is in New York, personally selecting his large spring invoice. This means much for the large trade enjoyed by Miller & Paine, for with Mr. Miller's long and successful experience as buyer and caterer to the wants of our finest trade he has shown such excellent taste and judgment that his forthcoming efforts have become a matter of special interest to the ladies. They are all anxious to see the pretty new fabrics, the latest trimmings, etc., and before March is over they will see everything. Mr. Miller will return next week and will perhaps then be ready to advertise his latest acquisitions.

A. B. Smith, now of Omaha, has received official notification of his appointment as assistant general passenger agent of the B. & M. Mr. Smith is a Lincoln boy, and Capital City people are proud of his rapid promotion. The COURIER is specially gratified, because it long ago predicted that Mr. Smith would reach his present position. Mr. Smith went into the service of the B. & M. in Lincoln in a subordinate capacity, but he has exceptional qualities that have brought him to the front rapidly.

Henry Mansfield is the victim of an unusual and very trying affliction. While engaged in conversation a day or two since he suddenly lost his voice and was unable to utter a word. His physician says the vocal chords are paralyzed and may prevent speech for several months. There is a possibility, also, that the paralysis may be permanent, but it is hoped that it is not as serious as that. At present Mr. Mansfield has to do his conversing in writing.

Robert E. Moore, Twenty-fifth and T streets, celebrated his fifteenth birthday on Thursday evening by entertaining a company of young friends. The invited guests were Hugh Edmiston, Phil and Fred Easterday, Frank Nichols, Harley Huston, Frank Sherman, Lucian Marsh, Pearl Bonnell, Margaret Bauhman, Zuelia Trester, Effie Royes, Ruth Goddard, Carrie Doak, Emma Tuttle, Monam Parks.

The Best Lincoln social club has usually met at the homes of its members, but next week four gentlemen, Messrs. Hale, Baird,

Hallett and Frow, will entertain the club at Temple hall. The party will be held Thursday evening, and the members of the Comus and the Calumet clubs will be invited to join in the festivities.

The art printing department of the COURIER has decided to enlarge its already extensive line of invitation type and will add a few styles of bold face figures that will be discernible either day or night. Dr. Reeves will please take notice.

An advertisement in one of the dailies says that W. A. Hackney nine years ago borrowed \$100 of J. H. McMurtry to buy his first lot in Lincoln. The ad. also says Mr. Hackney now owns \$50,000 worth of lots besides other property.

"The Spider and the Fly" puzzles went with a rush this week at the COURIER office. We have a few more left and that will be the last. The manufacturers say they cannot supply them only on an order of 30 to 60 days ahead.

Miss Maggie Brown of Kossauqua, Ia., and Miss Maggie Walker of Ottumwa, Ia., are visiting in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McArthur, 1820 O street.

S. T. St. John, teller of the Lincoln national bank, has gone to Junata to spend several weeks with his parents.

Capt. and Mrs. R. O. Phillips expect to move into their magnificent stone mansion next week.

Miss Lankton of New York, a niece of Mrs. O. C. Bell and Mrs. Gosper, is visiting the former.

Land Commissioner Steen went to Wahoo Monday night and taken down by a gripe.

Mrs. S. E. Moore entertained the No-Name progressive euchre club Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Cooley, of Denison, Texas, is visiting her father, Dr. T. H. Lane.

Honore Orr has been enjoying a visit from Ellis Roberts of Pawlet, Vt.

Dr. W. G. Houtz has been called to Chicago by the sickness of a sister.

Prof. and Mrs. Aughey have gone to Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Riggs are visiting at Kansas City.

Miss Fanny Reed is the guest of Mrs. Frank M. Hall.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

"A Possible Case" is booked at Funke's for Friday and Saturday evenings next. The San Francisco Bulletin says: It is a bright comedy, a satire on the state into which society is brought by our lax laws on divorce. Mr. A. Kossow as "Brickerhoff," bright and ruddy as of old, plays the susceptible old gentleman in the excellent manner which has always characterized his work. He furnishes a fund of amusement which keeps the audience in a roar. Charles Dickson, formerly of The Wife company, plays "Allen Weeks" in his usual dashing style. Miss Helen Russell makes a charming "Violet Mendoza," and Miss Henrietta Lander as "Ethel Serrero," the first wife, is a handsome young lady, with a beautiful figure. She possesses that greatest of all charms in an actress, perfect and clear enunciation, making it a pleasure to hear her. Miss Belle Archer as "Glady," the attorney's daughter, is deeply interested in the law, more especially that portion relating to marriage and divorce. She mixes her love and law in a most bewitching fashion, hoping to find in the law the necessary requirements to guide properly the matrimonial bark. The ladies all dress in exquisite taste.

TALK OF THE STAGE.

A correspondent writing of the new plays in New York last week says: Lillian Russell made the most profound hit of her life on Tuesday in a magnificent revival of the "The Grand Duchess" at the Casino. In fact, a better production has never been offered at that house. Miss Russell sang the part of the Grand Duchess of Geroldstein as it has never been sung before by any of the foreign or native actresses who have been seen in it on the New York stage. The mounting of the opera was superb, the picture of the ending of the first act surpassing any yet attempted in the metropolis. Most of the critics who all praise it saw the opera when Bate-man first introduced "Tostee" in 1867, at what is now the Fourteenth Street theater, and have seen Irma Marie and Marie Almee, and all the Americans who have attempted the part since Sophie Worrell. At Daly's theater "The Priceless Paragon" was preceded on Tuesday by a *levee de riteau* called "Prayer." It is from Francois Coppée's act pieces, in verse entitled "Le Pater," the original having been re-produced by the French authorities. Mr. Maurice F. Egan is responsible for the English version, which was well received. At the Fifth Avenue theater Mrs. Kendal has been seen in Sidney Grundy's comedy, "The White Lie," in which New Yorkers think she is at her best. Her business has been enormous. Lent does not seem to affect theatrical business in New York, as all the theaters have done well during the week.

The benefit in New York for Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., netted \$4,000. It also showed Miss Elita Proctor Otis to be the best amateur actress in New York. Miss Otis edits the *Saturday Review* at present, but when she tires of it, more than a dozen managers stand ready to star her. Among the many clever things she did was a concert song and dance, in every way better than anything done by the professional burlesquer this season. Miss Otis, however, writes as well as she acts, and is not likely to leave the big chair in the *Saturday Review* for a life on the road.

Mrs. Kendal is said to be the only actress that has ever been received socially in New York. Patti, although she had the run of all the courts of Europe, never "got there," and Mary Anderson, despite her great social success in London, never succeeded in getting beyond the Sorosis, indeed, it is said that the coldness of Americans towards her socially has been the cause of her breakdown. New York society is the most exclusive in the world. It respects wealth, but not genius.

Mrs. Florence is in despair over the large business of Jefferson and Florence. She had hoped her husband would be with her during again next season, and is desperate at being idle. She is now in Europe trying to find time among her aristocratic English friends, while Florence herself is having a high old time in a social way among the boys of each town that he plays in.

Robert Mantell has met with so much success in "The Corsican Brothers" that he has decided to retain it as a permanent feature of his repertory next season.

James O'Neill will next season revive Mr. Henry Irving's version of "The Dead Heart," sheaving "Monte Cristo."

Frank Daniels is playing "Little Puck" at the Park Theater, New York.

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Travelers in previous years were compelled to compress their life within four walls of a passenger coach during the time of a journey, often to the sad neglect of their personal comfort as well as personal cleanliness. The invention of the sleeping car was a great advance and the inauguration of hotel car service another step forward, but notwithstanding their surroundings of highly polished and expensive wood, luxurious carpets and velvet curtains, refined travelers could never reconcile themselves to sleeping, performing their ablutions and eating in what was practically the same room. It was felt that the only way to serve meals upon a moving train was in a separate dining car where the action of the cooks and waiters could be unimpeded and where the food would not be subjected to odors that might convey an undesirable flavor.

To go from an ordinary coach or a Pullman car to a separate dining car on a moving train was, however, a disagreeable and oftentimes dangerous proceeding, especially for invalids, ladies and children. The times were ripe for vestibules, and vestibules were invented. Transit from one car to another immediately lost all of its annoying features and as the various cars of the train, by means of vestibules, were connected into series of apartments, the devotion of different parts of the train to different purposes immediately became practicable in the same manner as different apartments of a large residence are applied to different uses. This possibility of development was quickly perceived and carried to the highest degree that has yet been attained by the progressive management of the Pennsylvania System of Railways. In connection with the officers of the Pullman Company and finds its most striking exemplification in the service of the Pennsylvania Limited, which runs daily from Chicago to New York and the principal cities of the east. Instead of being circumscribed in action, the greatest freedom is permitted passengers on this train, and it is safe to say they miss none of the comforts afforded by the best metropolitan hotels.

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An observation car that occupies the post of honor at the rear of the train, is a delightful parlor for the convenience and enjoyment of the passengers, especially for ladies and children, for whose comfort is also provided a colored maid who will perform the duties usually exacted of a lady's personal handmaid. At convenient places throughout the train are enclosed washrooms. In front of the smoking car is a barber shop with a dextrous barber and a plunge bath. Libraries in the smoking and observation cars are filled with choice books and the train is supplied with daily newspapers of the principal cities and the prominent magazines. Heat is supplied by steam and light by electricity, movable electric jets being placed in each berth, in order that passengers may read after retiring if they so desire, and the touch of an electric bell, one of which is to be found in every part of the train will instantly summon a polite and attentive porter.

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Earl Wheeler's Good Luck. \$600,000 the December drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery. One-fourth of this ticket was held by Earl Wheeler, living at No. 69 Grove street in this city. A Democrat reporter today called upon Mr. Wheeler and learned that the ticket had been placed in the hands of Banker J. Vedder Morris for collection, and Agent B. F. Oliver of the American Express Company paid Mr. Morris the amount—\$15,000—less \$101.55 express charges on the 10th inst. Mr. Morris deposited the amount in the Farmer's National Bank in his own name at the request of Mr. Wheeler. The latter disdains notoriety, hence the rumor about proceedings. That the amount has been received, and that the Louisiana State Lottery Company fulfill its obligations Mr. Morris verifies, and his word cannot be questioned. —Amsterdam, (N. Y.) Democrat, January 17.

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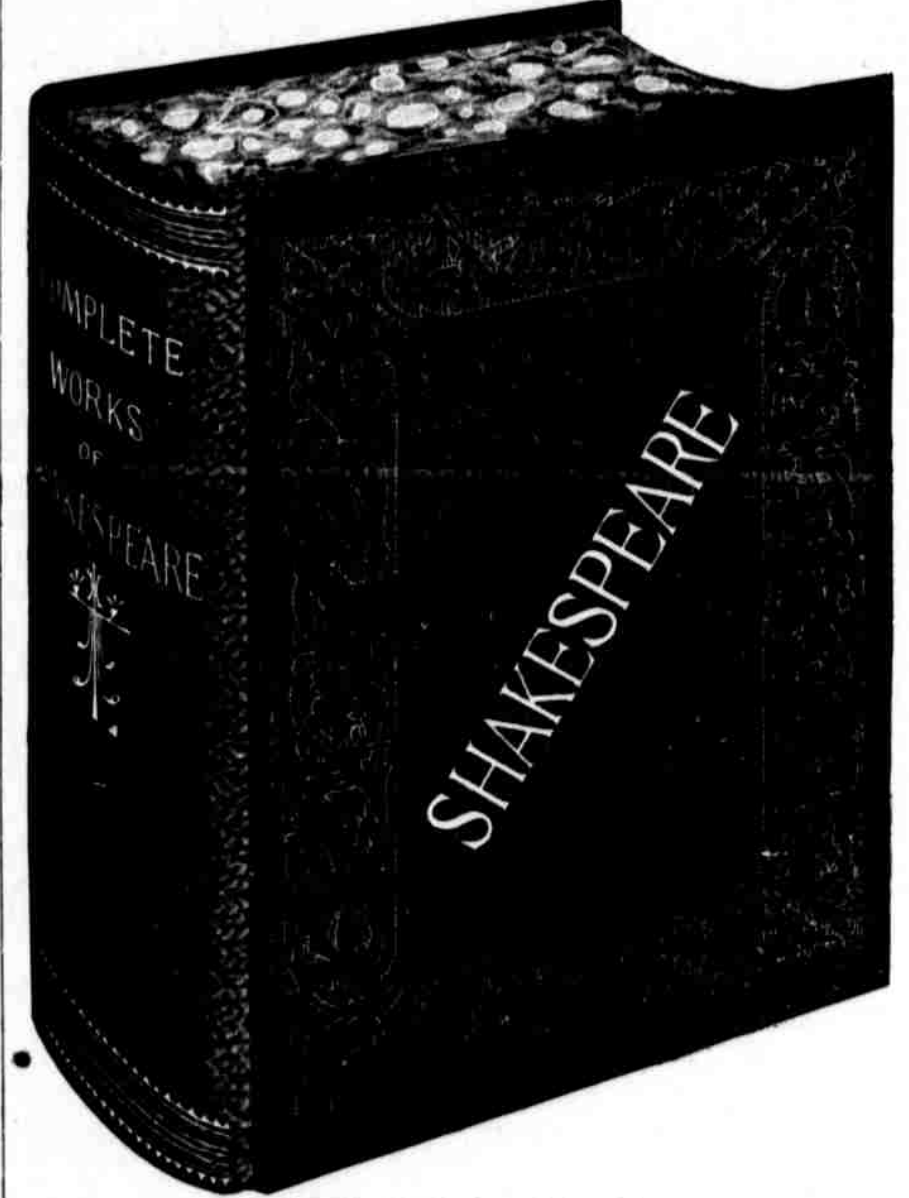
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